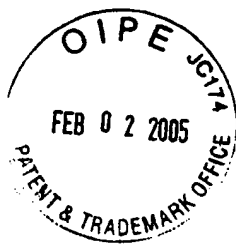


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In response to the Office Action mailed by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on November 2, 2004, in which the three-month shortened statutory period for responding thereto runs to February 2, 2005, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections set forth in the above-mentioned Office Action in view of the herein contained amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this Response.

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